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**Massachusetts 2007 U-Pick Season Kicks Off this Month with Strawberries**

BOSTON – Nothing says “summer” quite as sweetly as a freshly picked strawberry. Over the next few weeks, strawberry patches are ripening across the Commonwealth – heralding the start of summer as well as Massachusetts’s first major “pick-your-own” produce season.

Measuring a scant 55 calories per cup and bursting with Vitamin C, native Massachusetts strawberries are a natural for everything from breakfasts and salads to desserts. The Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources (DAR) notes that Massachusetts-grown strawberries are extra flavorful, sweet, and juicy because they are vine-ripened near where they’re sold.

“With the early rains and light winter, we anticipate a banner year this year,” said Jim Geoghegan of Sunshine Farm in Framingham, which offers more than ten varieties of strawberries.

The approximately 155 Massachusetts farms that cultivate strawberries produced over 1.6 million pounds of the ruby red fruit last year – accounting for over \$3.3 million in gross sales. Mid-June through early July is peak season for Massachusetts strawberries. For the freshest berries of the season, visit one of the 59 farms from the Berkshires to Barnstable County that allow you to “pick-your-own” ([http://www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/strawberries\\_pyto.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/strawberries_pyto.htm) or see list below). For tips on selecting, storing and preparing strawberries, visit [www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/strawberries.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/strawberries.htm).

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## Massachusetts Pick-Your-Own Strawberry Farms

NOTE: Information in this list is subject to change by farms without notice. Season duration can vary depending on weather, so it's a good idea to call ahead to the farm to check on picking conditions.

Farm Contact Info	Directions	Hours of Operation
<b>Barnstable County</b>		
<b>Andrews Farm</b> 394 Old Meetinghouse Road E. Falmouth (508) 548-4717	From Boston, Rt. 128S, right onto Route 151 to Sandwich Road, left onto Carriage Shop Rd. Bear right at fork, farm on right.	Open 7 days, 10-4.
<b>Coonamessett Farm</b> 277 Hatchville Rd E. Falmouth (508) 563-2560 <a href="http://www.Coonamessettfarm.com">www.Coonamessettfarm.com</a>	Rt. 28 south towards Falmouth; exit onto Rt. 151 east, turn south on Sandwich Rd. Proceed to Hatchville Rd and turn right, farm is 1 mile on right.	9 - 5
<b>Hawks Wing Farm</b> W. Great Western Rd. Yarmouthport (508) 280-8798 <a href="http://www.hawkswingfarm.com">www.hawkswingfarm.com</a>	<b>From Route 6</b> - Take exit 8. Head South on Union St./Station Ave. 1/8 mile, turn left on Whites Path, follow to end. Turn left on N. Dennis Rd. Follow over the highway (Rte 6). Take 3rd left on W. Great Western Rd. and follow 1000 yards, turn right onto the only paved road...watch for Hawk's Wing Farm sign (coming soon).	8 - 6, 7 days a week, usually closed from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm daily.
<b>Berkshire County</b>		
<b>Ioka Valley Farm</b> 3475 Route 43 Hancock (413) 738-5915	8 miles west from the intersections of Route 7 & 43. 4 miles east from the intersection of NY Route 22 & 43.	Mon. - Fri., 8:30 - 12:30 Tues & Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 Sat. & Sun., 8:30 - 3.
<b>Mountain View Farm</b> Old Cheshire Rd Lanesboro (413) 445-7642	From Allendale shopping center to Crane Ave., pass Jody Seasonal, right onto Oak Hill, which becomes Partridge Rd. Turn left at end of Partridge Rd and then turn right on Old Cheshire Rd. Farm is next right.	Monday - Friday from 8 - 8. Sat. and Sun., 8 - 5.
<b>Taft Farms</b> Route 183 & Division Street Great Barrington (413) 528-1515 <a href="http://www.bcn.net/~taftfarm">http://www.bcn.net/~taftfarm</a>	Take Route 7 South from Stockbridge and follow signs to Rt. 183. 3/4 mile from Rt. 7 on Rt. 183.	Call ahead for conditions and hours.
<b>Bristol County</b>		
<b>Araujo Farms &amp; Greenhouses</b> 1460 Williams St. Dighton (508) 669-6988	Call for directions.	Call for hours.
<b>Four Town Farm</b> 90 George Street Seekonk (508) 336-5587	From 195, take exit 1 and follow Rt. 6 east to Cumberland Farms, turn right onto Warren Ave. for 1/2 mile then bear right at fork onto George St.	9-5 depending on availability.
<b>Dukes County</b>		
<b>Thimble Farm</b> Stoney Hill Road Vineyard Haven	2 miles South of Vineyard Haven on Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road. Look for sign in Oaks Bluff.	Tuesday through Sunday, 10-5

(508) 693-6396		
<b>Essex County</b>		
<b>Brooksby Farm</b> 38 Felton Street Peabody (978) 531-1631	Rt. 128 North to exit 25B (Rt.114 West) in Peabody. At 3rd set of lights take left onto Cross Street, go up hill, bear left, at next set of lights take right onto Felton Street.	Call for conditions and hours.
<b>Cider Hill Farm</b> 45 Fern Ave. Amesbury (978) 388-5525 <a href="http://www.Ciderhill.com">www.Ciderhill.com</a>	Interstate 95 to Exit 1 in New Hampshire. Go West 2 miles Route 107 to Route 150. South 2 miles on Route 150, turn left onto Fern Ave. to barn and farm store. Or, Rt. 495 to exit 54. Turn right at bottom onto Rt.150. Go North through Amesbury. Turn right	June: 8-6, July: 9-6pm, 7 days/week.
<b>Connors Farm</b> 30 Valley Road (Rt. 35) Danvers (978) 777-1245 <a href="http://www.Connorsfarm.com">www.Connorsfarm.com</a>	From downtown Danvers, Route 35 North to farm. Or from Route 1 North, take North Street exit, then turn left at only intersection. Also Rt. 128 to exit 23N. This is Rt. 35, we are 5 miles from this Jct.	Open 7 days a week from 9 to 6
<b>Homestead Farm &amp; Orchard</b> 13 Birchmeadow Road Merrimac (978) 346-8346	Rt.495 to exit 53. Left onto Rt.110, Birchmeadow Rd will be 1 mile on the right.	8 – 6
<b>Ingaldsby Farm</b> 14 Washington Street Boxford (978) 352-2813	1 mile off Route 133 in West Boxford.	Daily, 8 – 6
<b>Long Hill Orchards</b> 520 Main Street, Rt. 113 West Newbury (978) 363-2170	Exit 57 off Route 95. Left off exit, farm is 4 miles on right.	Seven days a week 9-6, including holidays.
<b>Marini Farm</b> 259 Linebrook Road Ipswich (978) 356-0430	U.S. Route 1 to Linebrook Road, East toward Ipswich 1 mile, or Route 1A past center of Ipswich to Linebrook Road.	Open 9 - 6 daily
<b>Morehouse's Wheeler Brook Farm</b> 57 Jewett St. Georgetown (978) 352-8289	Rt. I-95 north to Rt. 133 to Georgetown square, then right on North St.; 1.6 miles to right on Jewett, .6 miles to farm. 30 miles north of Boston.	7:30-6:30 daily in season.
<b>Rogers Spring Hill Farm</b> 133 Neck Road Ward Hill (Haverhill) (978) 372-4305	Exit 48 off Rt. 495. Right at traffic lights to your 2nd left onto Neck Rd.	Open daily 8 – 7.
<b>Russell Orchards</b> 143 Argilla Road Ipswich (978) 356-5366 <a href="http://www.RussellOrchardsMa.com">www.RussellOrchardsMa.com</a>	On the road to Cranes Beach-Castle Hill, 3 miles South of Ipswich Center. Off Routes 1A or 133.	Open 7 days, 9 - 6. Call for picking dates.
<b>Smolak Farms</b> 315 South Bradford Street N. Andover (978) 682-6332 <a href="http://www.Smolakfarms.com">www.Smolakfarms.com</a>	Route 95 to Route 97 Georgetown Exit. Left at Boxford Village sign to first right, Ipswich Road. Go 6 miles and look for signs.	Open daily, 8 – 4.

<b>Walter K. Morss &amp; Son</b> Lake Shore Road West Boxford (508) 352-2633	From Rt. 95, take Rt. 133 to West Boxford, turn right at center. Take 2nd right onto Lake Shore Road, farm is 2nd house on left.	Open daily from 7:30 am until picked out.
<b>Franklin County</b>		
<b>Nourse Farms, Inc.</b> 41 River Road Whately (413) 665-2658 <a href="http://www.Noursefarms.com">www.Noursefarms.com</a>	From Greenfield, Route 91S to exit 24, at end of ramp turn left on to Routes 5 and 10 for 1/4 mile. Turn right on to Route 116 for 1 mile. Northampton/Springfield, Rt. 91N to exit 22. Take 3rd right onto Depot Road to River Rd. Look for blue signs.	Hours are generally 8 - 4 daily. Call to confirm at our 24 Hour Berry Line - (413) 665-2650 for latest conditions, hours, and crops being picked.
<b>Ripka's Farm</b> Routes 5 & 10 South Deerfield (413) 665-3018	1.5 miles North of Yankee Candle Co.	Open weekdays, 8:30 am to 8pm, weekends 8:30 to 6.
<b>Warner Farm</b> 159 Old Amherst Road Sunderland (413) 665-3353	From Sunderland Center, 1 mile East on Rt. 116 onto Old Amherst Road. 2nd house on left, #159.	Open Mon through Fri, 8 - 1, Sat and Sun 8 – 5.
<b>Hampden County</b>		
<b>Koran's Farm</b> 160 East Hill Road Monson (413) 267-3396	From Mass. Pike, take exit 8 to Rt. 20 east to Monson Rd on Right. Follow signs up Monson Rd. to East Hill Rd. on left. From Ctr. of Monson, go south on Rt. 32, turn left onto Wales Rd. Follow signs to farm.	Daily 8-6, call ahead for picking conditions.
<b>Provin Mt Farm</b> 443 North West Street Feeding Hills (413) 786-0495	Exit 3 off I-91 in Springfield, take Rt. 57 west. 1 mile beyond Feeding Hills Center, turn right at light onto N. West St.	Call for hours.
<b>Val's Berry Farm</b> 81 Parker Street E. Longmeadow (413) 525-1565	South on Route 83 from center of East Longmeadow, approximately 1 mile, left on Hampden Road to blinking light, right to 81 Parker Street.	Open daily 8 - noon, and 3:30-6:30, 7 days a week.
<b>Hampshire County</b>		
<b>Delta Organic Farm</b> East Hadley Road Amherst (413) 253-1893	Route 116 South from downtown Amherst 1 mile to a right onto East Hadley Rd. Farm is 1 mile on left.	PYO by appointment only. We offer organic strawberries to adults looking to pick in large quantities (10 lbs. min per person).
<b>Dickinson Farms</b> 134 South St. Granby (413) 467-3715	2 miles East of Jct. Route 33 and New Ludlow Rd, and/or going south on Rt. 202 in Granby, take a left on Ferry Hill Rd., and follow signs.	Daily 7-7.
<b>Lakeside Strawberries</b> Route 47 Hadley (413) 549-0805	From Route 9 take Route 47 North 2.5 miles. Farm is next to Lake Warner.	Daily 8 – 8.

<b>Lampson Brook Farms</b> 270 Jackson Street Belchertown (413) 323-9608	Take Rt. 202 into Belchertown, turn onto Jackson St. across 202 from McCarthy's Pub, one block north of light at intersection of 202 & 181. Farmstand is less than 1 mile at white large barn.	Tues - Thurs. 4-7, Sat. 9 -Noon.
<b>Sapowsky Farms</b> 436 E. State Road, Rt. 202 Granby (413) 467-7952	Rt. 202, 1/4 mile east of Granby High School.	Call for daily updates and picking conditions.
<b>Teddy Smiarowski Farm</b> Rt. 5 & 10, Hatfield/Whately (413) 247-5181	Exit 24 off Route 91. 1.5 miles South on Route 5 & 10.	Open weekdays, 8 - 8, weekends 8 – 6.

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<b>D.J. Hussey Farm</b> 20 Burgess Road Townsend (978) 597-6891	Rt. 119 to Townsend center- north on Rt. 113 for 1/2 mile then left on Dudley Rd for 1.5 miles and look for signs.	Call for hours and picking conditions.
<b>Hanson's Farm</b> 20 Nixon Road Framingham (508) 877-3058	From 495 take route 20 East to Wayside Inn, at Wayside Inn Country Store turn right onto Hager Street, farm 2 miles on right. Or from Route 9 to Edgell Road, 1 mile to lights, left onto Edmunds Road, 2 miles to Nixon Road.	Open Monday through Saturday, 9 - 6. Sundays, 9 - 5:30.
<b>Kimball Fruit Farm</b> 184 Hollis Street Pepperell (978) 433-9751 <a href="http://KimballFruitFarm.com">KimballFruitFarm.com</a>	Exit 5 West off Route 3, North to Route 111 into Pepperell, take right at yellow blinking light, farm is 3 miles on left.	Daily 9 – 6.
<b>Land's Sake</b> Jct. Newton St. & Wellesley St. Weston (781) 893-1162	Route 128 to Route 20W(exit 26), head west about one mile, and turn South onto Wellesley St. , go .5 miles to intersection of Newton St., farm on left.	Open daily, 10 – 6.
<b>Belkin Family Lookout Farm</b> 89 Pleasant Street South Natick (508) 651-1539 <a href="http://www.Lookoutfarm.com">www.Lookoutfarm.com</a>	1 mile from Route 16, South Natick Square.	Call ahead for hours. In season, every day, 10-5.
<b>McLoon Farms</b> Corner of Route 113 & Thorndike Dunstable (978) 649-3656	From Route 3 take Exit 35. Rte. 113 West towards Pepperell, 1/4 mile on right, look for large old barn.	Open weekdays from 10 until dusk.
<b>Parlee Farms</b> Farwell Road Tyngsboro (978) 649-3854 <a href="http://www.Parleefarm.com">www.Parleefarm.com</a>	Route 3 to Exit 34, Westford Rd, Tyngsboro. Go .75 miles East to Route 3A, take left at light, then 2nd right onto Farwell Rd. Farm is 1 mile down on right.	Daily 7-6.
<b>Parlee's Farm</b> 135 Pine Hill Rd Chelmsford (978) 256-2859	Rt. 128 to Rt. 3, exit 31W, follow Rt. 110 out of Chelmsford center toward Littleton for 2 miles to set of lights and turn onto Hunt Rd. From Rt. 495, exit 34W, right toward Chelmsford center, follow Rt. 110 toward Littleton, look for arrows.	Daily 7-7. Containers available for purchase, or bring your own.

<b>Sunshine Farm</b> 135 Kendall Ave Framingham (508) 655-5022 <a href="http://www.sunshinefarmma.com">www.sunshinefarmma.com</a>	Off Speen Street, Natick, 3 miles South. Exit 13 off Mass Pike, 2.5 miles South of Route 9, Natick. Take Speen Street to end, right onto Kendall Ave.	Call ahead for information.
<b>Verrill Farm</b> 11 Wheeler Road Concord (978) 369-4494 <a href="http://www.Verrillfarm.com">www.Verrillfarm.com</a>	Located between Rt. 117 and Rt. 2 on Sudbury Rd, or take Rt. 2W to intersection after 126, left onto Sudbury Rd.	Call for hours and conditions. 9 - 1, Mon. - Fri. 9 - 3, weekends.
<b>Nantucket County</b>		
<b>Bartlett Ocean View Farm &amp; Greenhouses</b> 33 Bartlett Farm Road Nantucket (508) 228-9403 <a href="http://www.Bartlettsfarm.com">www.Bartlettsfarm.com</a>	From the center of town: Follow Main St. to the Civil War monument rotary. Turn left onto Milk St. which, in 6/10 of a mile, joins Hummock Pond Rd. Follow for 1.2 miles, turn left onto Bartlett Farm Rd. This road leads directly into the Bartlett Farm driveway where the greenhouses and Farm Market can be found.	Call or check website.
<b>Norfolk County</b>		
<b>Jane &amp; Paul's Farm</b> 33 Fruit St. Norfolk (508) 528-0812	Route 115 to Cleveland St., turn left onto Fruit St.	Call ahead for hours and availability. 9 – 5 daily.
<b>Tangerini's Spring Street Farm</b> 139 Spring Street Millis (508) 376-5024	Spring St. is off Rt. 109. Follow 3/4 mile, driveway on right.	9 – 9 daily.
<b>Ward's Berry Farm</b> 614 South Main Street Sharon (781) 784-3600	Take Exit 8 off Route 95 South and go .5 miles East towards Sharon. Or from Cobb Corner, go about 5 miles West, straight through Sharon center.	Open every day except Wed., 9-6.
<b>Plymouth County</b>		
<b>Beaver Brook Farm</b> 645 Summer St. E. Bridgewater (508) 583-0502	2 miles down Thatcher St. on left. From Massasoit College, take Rt. 18 to Highland St. At end of Highland take right, 2 miles up on right.	Open 9-8, 7 days a week.
<b>C.N. Smith Farm Inc.</b> 325 South Street E. Bridgewater (508) 378-2270 <a href="http://www.cnsmithfarminc.com">www.cnsmithfarminc.com</a>	Off Route 106 East, turn right before Old Colony YMCA onto South Street. From Rt. 24 take Rt. 106 East. From Rt. 3 take Rt. 106 West toward E.Bridgewater, turn onto South St. At YMCA, go to end. You are there!	Open daily 10 - 4. Call for conditions and information.
<b>Spring Meadow Farm</b> 109 Marion Rd. Mattapoisett (508) 758-2678	195W to Marion exit. Take right onto Rt.6. Farm 3 miles down across motel. Or 195E to Mattapoisett exit. Take left onto Rt. 6 for 1.7 miles, farm across from hotel.	Sat. dawn to dusk, Sun. 8-1. Weekdays call for appointment.
<b>Worcester County</b>		

<b>B &amp; B Farms</b> Box 105 or Route 67 New Braintree (978) 365-4027	On Route 67, at corner of Old Turnpike Road. Second location: 20 Greenland Rd., Sterling, MA. Off Rt. 12.	Open all day and on weekends. We have pesticide free produce in season.
<b>Charlton Orchards</b> 44 Old Worcester Road (Rt.20) Charlton (508) 248-7820 <a href="http://www.Charltonorchard.com">www.Charltonorchard.com</a>	Rt. 20 West 6 miles from Rt. 395 and Rt. 290, look for signs. Rt. 20 East, 4 miles from Mass. Pike, Sturbridge exit and Route 84. Follow signs.	9 - 5 daily.
<b>Deershorn Farm</b> 205 Chase Hill Road- Rt. 62 Lancaster (978) 368-7603	Mass Pike to Route 495N. Take Exit 26 to 62W. West on Route 62 approx. 8 miles, left onto Chase Hill Road. Or from Boston, Rt. 2W to Rt. 190S to exit 6, Rt. 62 east 3 miles.	Open 8-5:30, depending on conditions.
<b>Foppema's Farm</b> 1612 Hill Street Northbridge (508) 234-6711	Central Turnpike Exit off Route 146. East towards Northbridge, 2.5 miles. At flashing light, take right. Farm .4 miles on right.	Open Monday through Saturday 9 - 6. Closed Sundays. Please call ahead for picking conditions.
<b>Indian Head Farm</b> 232 Pleasant Street Berlin (978) 838-2942	From Berlin Center, 1.5 miles South on Pleasant Street, next to cemetery. Or Exit 25 from Route 290, 1 mile toward Berlin Center.	Open daily 8 - 5pm or until picked out. Please call ahead for conditions.
<b>Lanni Orchard</b> 294 Chase Road, Route 13 Lunenburg (978) 582-6246 <a href="http://www.Lanniorchards.com">www.Lanniorchards.com</a>	Route 2 West to Route 13 North, approx. 5-10 minutes after Whalom Park on Route 13.	Open Monday through Sunday, 9 - 6.
<b>Nampara Farm</b> 3 Bemis Rd. Hubbardston (978) 928-4489 <a href="http://www.Nampara.com">www.Nampara.com</a>	Rt. 2A west into Westminster; take left onto South St., follow for 6 miles and follow signs. Or, Rt. 68 west towards Gardner, at Hubbardston center take a right onto Brigham St. and follow for 2.5 miles and then follow signs to farmstand.	7 days a week 6-6.
<b>Silvermine Farm</b> 96 Eight Lots Road Sutton (508) 865-5335	Five miles West of Route 146 (Boston Road to Eight Lotts Road) 2 miles North of Central Turnpike (West Sutton Road to Eight Lotts Road.)	Daily 8-6. Call for conditions.
<b>The Country Apple at Marshall Farm</b> 340 Marshall Road Fitchburg (978) 343-6255 <a href="http://www.Marshallfarm.com">www.Marshallfarm.com</a>	Rt. 2 to 13N to 2A west (left turn) to 1st set of lights turn right, at blinking yellow light, turn right, follow signs.	7-noon, Mon-Fri.
<b>Tougas Family Farm</b> Ball Street Northboro (508) 393-6406 <a href="http://www.Tougasfarm.com">www.Tougasfarm.com</a>	Rt. 290 to Exit 24, (Church St.) turn towards Boylston. First right onto Ball St. Farm is 1.5 miles from Rt. 1-290.	8 - 4. Call daily for conditions.

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